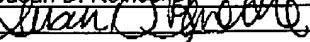


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application (the "Pending Application") as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

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